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Harford County Earns 29th Consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association



Harford County government officials pictured from left: Director of Administration Billy Boniface; Senior Budget Analyst Bill Watson; Senior Budget Analyst Christen Sullivan; Kimberly Spence, Chief, Budget and Management Research; County Executive Barry Glassman; (not pictured, Senior Budget Analyst Ben Lloyd)

Please see the attached press release from the Government Finance Officers Association. ###



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(Chicago, Illinois).-Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **Harford County**, **Maryland**, has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to Kimberly Spence, Chief, Budget and Management Research.

There are over 1,600 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington D.C.